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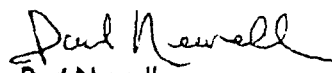
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has been three long years of litigation between Microsoft and the Department of Justice and quite frankly it is time to put this issue to rest. I am an avid supporter of Microsoft and am very pleased that the settlement is acceptable at the federal level but am puzzled as to the persistence of the nine remaining states. Is it not obvious to them the negative effects that this continued litigation has on the economy and on the Technology industry? I trust that my views and those of others will contribute to the expeditious settlement of this matter.

Microsoft's innovations have done much to enhance productivity both on and off the job and is doubtless an industry icon. This company has made significant contributions to the economy and the overall growth of our country and the sooner this matter is settled the sooner Microsoft is able to rededicate their full attention to doing what it does best--innovate!

Looking closely at the details of the settlement, we will see that Microsoft has already done very much to honor the terms. They have agreed to make their protocols and intellectual property license available to competitors and have made it easier for competitors to promote non-Microsoft software within windows. The list of measures taken by Microsoft goes on and on and is a direct indication of their willingness to comply.

Sincerely,


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